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EABJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT AGAINST THE MCCONNELL MANUFACTURING CO.,  
INC., PRATTSBURG, STEUBEN COUNTY, N.Y. 14873

1. IFRAMAC LIMITED, A LARGE, WELL ESTABLISHED MAURITIAN FIRM HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY WITH A TRADE COMPLAINT AGAINST MCCONNELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., PRATTSBURG, STEUBEN COUNTY, NEW YORK 14873. IFRAMAC PURCHASED TWO MCCONNELL ROCK PICKERS IN FEBRUARY 1976. SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL IN AUGUST 1976 THE MACHINES, ACCORDING TO IFRAMAC, HAVE NOT FUNCTIONED AS SPECIFIED. IN RESPONSE TO IFRAMAC'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, MCCONNELL MANUFACTURING PROMISED TO SEND "SOMEONE FROM OUR COMPANY WHO HAS THE TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS TO REMEDY THE PROBLEMS." THIS PROMISE WAS IN A LETTER DATED OCTOBER 20, 1976 AND SIGNED BY RICHARD HEINTZ, PRESIDENT.

2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE CORRESPONDENCE MR. J. WARD MCCONNELL, CHAIRMAN OF MCCONNELL, WROTE ON FEBRUARY 14, 1977 THAT HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A VISA TO COME TO MAURITIUS. THAT WAS THE LAST CORRESPONDENCE IFRAMAC HAS HAD FROM MCCONNELL MANUFACTURING. THEY HAVE WRITTEN AND CABLED ASKING WHEN MR. MCCONNELL WOULD ARRIVE WITHOUT GETTING ANY RESPONSE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO CONTACT MCCONNELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., (PHONE:  
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607-522-3701) TO DETERMINE WHEN A REPRESENTATIVE OF MCCONNELL WILL BE ARRIVING IN MAURITIUS OR WHAT OTHER ACTION MCCONNELL INTENDS TO TAKE TO RESOLVE PROBLEM.  
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